



SWARC NEWS

Meeting Notes

SWARC 2December MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Mike Gaither, K4MWG.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bernie Jones, N4BAJ.

The meeting followed a social event with 20+ members attending and feasting on heavy Hors d'Oeuvres (known as appetizers for the less sophisticated among us).

Treasurer Christine Fernandini, KJ4AEO, provided a treasurer's report stating that we have \$1,659.26 in the bank account as of the meeting. Her report was presented by Pres. Gaither.

President Mike acknowledged \$225.00 in donations for the club radio room.

Bernie Jones, N4BAJ, asked about the 'Ham of the Year' award status and he nominated Mike Gaither, K4MWG, for the award. The nomination was seconded and passed. Congratulations to Gator!

The long-awaited raffle was held and winners were as follows:

WA4TCJ-Al Crawford – DMR VHF/UHF radio

KK4BK-Brian Know – SWR/PWR meter (he donated this back to the radio room).

President Mike Gaither proposed that our next raffle be for two \$250.00 Visa gift cards so that the raffle would appeal to a larger audience for sales/donations. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

73, Richard Hall – K7RLH – Secretary

I am including some informational web addresses that I neglected to provide from our November meeting regarding SKYWARN resources.

rah.reports@noaa.gov

Central Carolina SKYWARN Facebook page

Comet MetED: www.weather.gov/Raleigh/

www.centralcarolinaskywarn.net

www.broadcastify.net

Local repeaters used for SKYWARN include 146.88 (-), Carolina 440 System, 147.105 (+, 82.5 Hz), and 147.135 (+, 82.5 Hz). SKYWARN is temporarily on the 145.21 (-, 82.5 Hz) as previously reported since the primary repeater is out of service.

South Wake Amateur Radio Club Treasurer Report

November 2019

Club Addition and Reduction Activity

Additions

Dues	30.00	check #167	Joseph Pittman (KM4YTF)
Dues	30.00	cash	JP Keon (AB4PP)
Dues	30.00	cash	Ron Cooney (K4AAA)
Dues	22.50	check #6169	Cecil Byrd (KM4ARS)
Dues	30.00	check #1111	Richard Akelewicz (K4END)
Dues	30.00	cash	Michael Rowland (N3YEP)
Dues	40.00	check #8628	Micheal (KD4OKR), Mary Alice (KD4OKQ) & Bryan (KK4TTU) Ramsey
Dues	30.00	check #2595	Stanley Ingram (W4SFI)
Dues	22.50	check #3750	Heather Driver (KN4VIW)
Dues	30.00	check #7004	Mark Perkins (NC4MP)
Dues	22.50	check #6169	Cecil Byrd (KM4ARS)
Dues	22.50	check #103	John Canavan (KN4YY5)

Meal	80.00	cash	collection for meal
Donation	30.00	cash	donation for coffee at Swap Fest
Donation	50.00	cash	donation for Ham Shack

Total Additions 500.00

Reductions

Ham Shack	1100.84	check #1686	reimbursed Mike Gaither
Food-meal	46.28	check #1686	reimbursed Mike Gaither (check #1686 total \$1147.12
JARS Fest	12.00	cash	coffee and donuts

Total Reductions 1159.12

RBC Bank Account Activity

Balance as of 11/04/2019	2318.38		
Addition	500.00		
Reduction	1159.12		

Balance as of 12/02/2019 1659.26

Christine Fernandini KJ4AEO
12/02/2019

NET Report

Please we ask that all net reports be sent to Joe at

draftin_driver3226@yahoo.com

Joe did comment that only one or two net controls were turning in the net reports. Please send your reports to Joe.

Joe, KM4YTF is on the lookout for new net control operators. If interested please contact Joe, KM4YTF.

MEMBERSHIP

Just a reminder that it is time to pay membership dues for the 2019-2020 time frame.

\$30 for individual and \$5 for each family member.

You can bring a check or cash to the meeting Monday October 7th or mail them to the club PO box and Christy will let me know she has received them so I can update the list. If you mail them, give me a heads up so I can mark it as pending on the roster.

Makes checks payable to South Wake ARC.

If you are going to mail it, send it to South Wake ARC – PO Box 1565 – Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

I have taken over as Membership Director from Ryan, so please direct any questions to me.

I will be developing an online form so new members can fill out the application online and mail or bring a check to a meeting.

I will be reaching out to all members here soon to make sure I have the latest contact information, addresses, etc so I can make sure the membership list reflects current information.

Thanks

David Sosnin

N4TTN

n4ttn.radio@gmail.com

David has updated the membership list and sent it out. Please check the list and make sure you are on it. If you do not see your name then you have a couple of options: 1) Pay your dues and get back on the list 2) If you have paid then fuss at David 3) David forgets that everyone is not as social as he is so if you did not receive a copy then send David an email at n4ttn.radio@gmail.com and request a copy.

Public Service

Check the RARS web site often for Public Service opportunities.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Appointed Positions

President

Mike Gaither – K4MWG

Vice President

Brian Knox – KK4BK

Secretary

Rich Hall, K7RLH

Treasurer

Christy Fernandini - KJ4AEO

Member-At-Large

Al Crawford – WA4TCJ

Member-At-Large

Charles Bruckner – KG4MXV

Member-At-Large

Dan Gilbertson

Membership Chair

David Sossin – N4TTN

NET MANAGER

Joe - KM4YTF

Special Events Director

Gino Fernandini –KI4YXO

Public Service Director

David Krum – NW3U

SWARC Mission Statement

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of our members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through

providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.

LINKS (if you have other links you want added then send them to me)

PRN

A Wide Area Digital Amateur Radio Network www.ncprn.net

GigaParts

www.gigaparts.com

QRZ

www.qrz.com

Ham Radio Outlet HRO

www.hamradio.com

Raleigh Amateur Radio Society RARS

www.rars.org

Johnson Amateur Radio Society JARS

www.jars..net

South Wake Amateur Radio Club SWARC

www.southwakearc.com

Greetings to all 145.210 SWARC repeater members.

I have made the decision to temporarily allow the Central Carolina Sky Warn net and the STATE EOC to move their operations to the 145.210 repeater. Some explanation is in order to all SWARC members and I will attempt to outline the circumstances that have brought me to my current Decision.

For a very very long time the 146.880 repeater located on the same tower as is the 145.210 repeater has been the flagship 2 meter repeater as to providing operations for Central Carolina Skywarn, communications for the office of State Emergency Management, and other public service events and

nets as needed. Central Carolina Skywarn is tasked with getting live spotter reports and other time valued information from trained spotters in all these counties when called upon by the National Weather Service. Sky Warn is only activated by direct request from the National Weather Service.

The State EOC uses Winlink for some communications between the Eastern, Central, and Western branch offices during emergencies. They also use the 146.880 repeater for voice communications between the Central and Eastern branch office in Kinston NC during emergencies.

The main 146.880 repeater on the tall Auburn tower has failed and we have been operating on a backup repeater on a 350 foot tower near Garner NC. We are fortunate to have been allowed to utilize this site to keep a repeater on the air on 146.880. Unfortunately, the current footprint of the backup repeater is extremely limited, especially to the East of Raleigh. IE, it is not useable at all even in the Wilson area let alone Rocky Mt., Greenville, Goldsboro, and other key areas that both SkyWarn and the State EOC have a need to communicate with.

There is lots and lots of work going on at the Auburn tall towers sites currently as to the new DTV channel and equipment changes. This work has been going on for 3 or 4 months now and will continue to go on until Probably early or late December of 2019. We are guests on the tower and do not and will not be in the way of all the work that is currently going on at the sites. So, it will probably be early in 2020 before the main 146.880 equipment can be replaced.

The K4ITL 145.210 repeater is the only 2-meter repeater left in the local area that can satisfy the needs of Central Carolina SkyWarn and the State EOC. In my opinion, the right thing to do in this situation is to SHARE our resource with those who need it. I am extremely grateful to the South Wake Amateur Radio Club for their support of the 145.210 repeater and I consider them as the primary user of this repeater.

Here's the way I wish operations to be carried out until we can get the primary 146.880 repeater back on the air.

There is no reason why both the nightly net and the trader's net can't be carried out on the repeater as they always have been. If SkyWarn happens to be activated when it's time for a net, unless there is emergency traffic in progress, the net goes on as usual with an occasional standby to ask if there is any SkyWarn traffic.

If SkyWarn is activated at other times, during the day or evening, there is still no problem with normal conversations being carried on the 145.210 repeater by SWARC members and others who use the repeater. Just take a pause now and then to see if there is any SkyWarn Traffic.

I hope everyone will be okay with these changes, in the spirit of public service and public safety, it's good for us to be of help when we can.

If anyone wants to discuss this issue or has any other questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me at:

dannyhampton@fastmail.com

If the NWS requests that SkyWarn activates tomorrow morning or later in

the day tomorrow, They will activate on the 145.210 repeater.

Thanks to one and all for your continued support and assistance in making this work smoothly.

Cordially,
Danny Hampton

K4ITL

Twas the Night Before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the land--
Not a creature was stirring, not even a ham;
Sean's stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that KAY-OGG-ME soon would be there;

The chicken wimps were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of GOOD rag chews danced in their heads;
The Broadnax Brothers in jammies, bacon frying—snippety-snap!
KJ4CVK had just settled down (yawn) for a long winter's nap,

When out in the trees there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my ham shack to see what was the matter.
Away to my smoking jacket I flew like a flash,
Threw open the window and checked my coax.

The moon on the breasts of my antennas not low,
Gave the luster of mid-day to the ground plane below,
When, what to my straining ears should occur,
But a CQ from BJ, and eight tiny SWARCers.

With a little old driver, so mouthy and slick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Jenks.
More eat up with ham radio his contacts they came,
And he Percofarkled, and snorfed, and called them by name;

"Now, Ricky! Now, Harley! Now, Joe and Nancy!

On, Steve! On Pete! On, Cecil and Kenny!

To the top of the tower! to the top of the beam!

To get rare DX of which others will dream!"

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The staggering and stumbling of each of those goofs.
As I unkeyed my hand-held, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Jenks came with a clattering sound.
He was dressed all in Spandex, from his head to his feet,
And he looked all around for something to eat;
A bundle of radios he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a shyster just opening his pack.
His eyes – were unfocused! his mustache was white!
His face was distinctive but gave me a fright!
His cavernous mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And his chin bore the traces of his last stuffed potato;
The remains of a pork chop he held tight in his teeth,
And grease from it circled his face like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a great big old belly,
That shook, when he walked like a bowlful of jelly.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
He consumed milk and cookies; then turned with a jerk,
And placing his thumb atop of his nose,
He wiggled his fingers and up the chimney he rose;
He staggered to his ride, to his team gave a moan,
And away they all flew like an NSA drone.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."